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1. After the Japanese surrender, 19 prominent men in the Tientsin commercial field were appointed as special commissioners by the Tientsin Municipal Government and local Kuomintang Headquarters to take over the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce from Puppet Ti Yu-t'ang (邢玉堂), who is now in prison serving a life sentence.

2. From these 19 special commissioners, Wang Chien (王健), Head Manager of North China Tannery, was selected to be the first head of the Chamber after the liberation. Mr Wang resigned after three days however, and the Chamber of Commerce then ceased to exist. Later, a Mr. Yang Hsi-yuan (楊希園) was sent from Chungking to act as chairman of a committee to reorganize the Chamber of Commerce.

3. On 4 October, 1946, over one year later, the new Tientsin Chamber of Commerce was formally established. The new Chamber is headed by Mr. Chi Tiench'uan (程真川), President of Hopei Provincial Bank, who was elected on 2 October. Also elected were 25 directors of the Chamber who will act as members of the Directors' Board of the Chamber. The new Chamber consists of more than 130 different guilds representing various kinds of commerce and business. Each guild is a member of the chamber and each guild has its own president elected by different shops or factories of that particular guild.

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